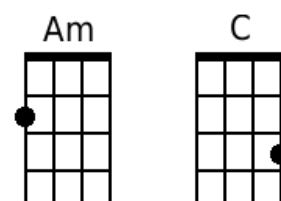


# Mary's Boy Child

(Jester Hairston/ Harry Belafonte, 1956)

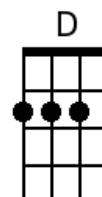
**INTRO (Calypso rhythm):** G G G G

G C Am D G  
Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say,  
G C Am G D G  
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day.



**CHORUS:**

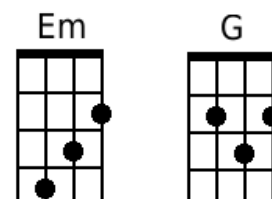
G C D G Em Am D  
Hark now hear the angels sing, a king was born today,  
G C Am G D G G  
And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day.



G C Am D G  
While shepherds watch their flocks by night, they see a bright new shining star,  
C Am G D G  
They hear a choir sing a song, the music seemed to come from afar.

**CHORUS:**

G C D G Em Am D  
Hark now hear the angels sing, a king was born today,  
G C Am G D G G  
And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day.



G C Am D G  
Now Joseph and his wife Mary, came to Bethlehem that night,  
C Am G D G  
They found no place to bear the child, not a single room was in sight.

**CHORUS:**

G C D G Em Am D  
Hark now hear the angels sing, a king was born today,  
G C Am G D G G  
And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day.

G C Am D G  
By and by they found a little nook, in a stable all forlorn,  
C Am G D G  
And in a manger cold and dark, Mary's little boy was born.



## Mary's Boy Child (Cont'd)

**G C D G Em Am D**  
 Hark now hear the angels sing, a king was born today,  
**G C Am G D G G**  
 And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day.  
**G C D G Em Am D**  
 Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say,  
**G C Am G D G**  
 And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day,  
**G C Am**  
 And man will live for evermore,  
**G// D// G/ C/ G↓**  
*(Slowing down)* Because of Christmas Day.

